

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2022

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Charlottesville in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of life in Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our City, women have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, environmental and peace movements, which have created a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women has consistently been overlooked and undervalued in the literature, leadership, teaching and study of American history and it is therefore fitting that we recognize their numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme of the National Women's History Month is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," a recognition of the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic, and a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville reaffirms its commitment to uplifting and safeguarding women's rightful place in our history and in our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 in Charlottesville as Women's History Month.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of March 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor